**Facility to install hand pumps by MPs in rural areas**

† 2143. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether every Member of Parliament has been given the facility of installing 1 SO hand pumps in rural areas by Central Government;

whether the installation of hand pumps is not sanctioned by district level authorities in urban areas;

whether any such guidelines have been issued by Central Government to State Governments; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

Local bodies are responsible for water supply in urban areas.

No, Sir.

Does not arise.

**Self Help Groups in Rajasthan**

2144. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

how many Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed in Rajasthan;

how many of these SHGs have become self-dependent to cater to the needs of the families connected with them;

the remedial measures Government proposes to take to help sick SHGs;

whether financial assistance from the nationalized banks in many cases is not available; and

if so, the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a major self-employment programme for the rural poor under implementation since i.4.1999. SGSY has been conceived as a holistic programme of micro-enterprises covering all aspects of self-employment *viz.,* organization of the rural poor into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through the process of social mobilization and their capacity building, planning of activity clusters, infrastructure build up, technology, credit & subsidy and marketing. Since 1.4.1999 upto 2007-08 (up to February, 08), 36,359 Self Help Group* have been formed, 20,025 SHGs have passed Grade 1,7,714 SHGs have passed Grade II and 5,780 SHGs have taken up Economic Activities. 5,780 SHGs which have taken up

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